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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 765  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Representative  
Michael Y. Rowland.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of  
this General Assembly learned of the death of Michael Y. "Mike" Rowland; and

WHEREAS, a man of genial disposition and many sterling traits of character, he was a  
prominent, patriotic and worthy citizen; and

WHEREAS, by his passing, his family, his county, and the state have suffered a great  
and irreparable loss; and

WHEREAS, Mike Rowland was born on September 6, 1942, in Knox County, the son of  
Elmo and Ernest Lou Rowland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rowland served his country in the United States Army as a Second  
Lieutenant, for two years in West Germany and one year in South Vietnam. He was awarded  
three Bronze Star Medals and two Vietnamese Medals for valor; and

WHEREAS, Mike graduated from East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of  
Arts in History, cum laude, in 1964. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the  
University of Tennessee College of Law in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he married Elizabeth Ann Noblett and together this blessed union  
produced three children, Mathew Michael, Sarah Elizabeth, and Amanda Leigh; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rowland and his wife were partners in the field of law as well, practicing under the name of Rowland and Rowland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rowland was elected to the House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly, where he honorably represented the good people of the 18<sup>th</sup> House District during the 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

WHEREAS, he also ably represented the good people of the Second Congressional District as a delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, a commercial pilot, Mike Rowland will always be remembered for piloting his Cessna 172 back and forth from Knoxville to Nashville to attend committee meetings and sessions; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of numerous professional associations, including the American, Tennessee and Knoxville Bar Associations, the Tennessee and American Trial Lawyers Associations, the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Knoxville Barristers Club, and Phi Alpha Delta Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rowland was recognized statewide by fellow Democrats for his many contributions to and active support of party candidates. He was admired and respected by all who knew him for his willingness to give of his immeasurable time and talents for the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this outstanding legislator; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of former Representative Michael Y. Rowland, remembering with admiration his service to his county and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to his family, his friends, and his colleagues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.